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EXACT SPECTRUM FOR QUANTUM OSCILLATOR IN SPACES OF CONSTANT CURVATURE FROM WKB-QUANTIZATION

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Quantum-mechanical WKB-method is elaborated for the known quantum oscillator problem in curved 3-spaces models Euclid, Riemann, and Lobachevsky E_3 , H_3 , S_3 in the framework of the complex variable function theory. Generalized generally covariant Schrödinger equation is considered. In all three space models, exact energy levels are found with the help of constructing special formal WKB-sieries.

1 Introduction

It is well known that energy spectrum of the hydrogen atom had been calculated long begore creating the comprehensive quantum mechanical theory: Bohr [1, 2, 3], Sommerfeld [4, 5, 6, 7], Wilson 1915-Wilson(1), 1922-Wilson(2), Ishiwara [10], Planck [11, 12], Schwarzschild [13], Epstein [14], Wentzel [15], Brillouin [16, 17]. It was established that the Bohr-Sommerfeld rules, basis of the "old" quantum mechanics even without rigorous mathematical foundation, are closely related to the so-called WKB-approximation in the consistent quantum theory: see in Langer [18], Titchmarsh [19], Ponomarev [20].

Looking for exactly solvable models in the framework of "new" quantum theory, some coolness towards approximate (all the more without foundation) methods and any achievements of the Bohr-Sommerfeld mechanics was inevitable. But the same question arises in the literature: why in the case of hydrogen atom the Bohr-Sommerfeld rule leads to the known exact energy spectrum. Also, from time to time in the literature one can face the statement of the sort: in a potential φ the Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization gives an exact result $\epsilon_n(\varphi)$: Bailey [21], Froman and Froman [22], Krieger [23], Rosenzweig and Krieger [24], Nisio [25], Elutin and Krivchenkov [26], Voros [27, 28, 28, 30], De Witt and Morette [31], Neveu [32], Gomes et al [33], Dutt et al [34], Lemos and Natividade [35], Schopf [36], Katayama [37], Kobylinsky er al [38], Fujii and Funahashi [39], Robnik and Salasnich [40, 41], Delabaere et al [42], Kudryashov and Vanne [43].

In the present work we turn to an oscillator problem but now placed concurrently in three different curved space backgrounds: Euclid E_3 (zero curvature), Lobachevsky (negative constant curvature) H_3 , and Riemann S_3 (positive constant curvature). We have considered Schrödinger's equation. It is shown that

there can be constructed special WKB-series that provide us with exact spectra by taking into account only two firs terms of these series, in all three models E_3, H_3, S_3 . This work continues two earlier considerations [44] and [45] of the analogous problem for hydrogen atom in space models E_3, H_3, S_3 , motivation and general mathematical techniques are similar.

2 Oscillator in E_3 and WKB-quantization

Let us consider a non-relativistic oscillator in Euclid space model E_3 . In Schrödinger's equation, the variables are separated by the known substitution $\Psi(r, \theta, \phi) = f(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$:

$$\frac{d^2f}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r}\frac{df}{dr} + \left[\frac{2M}{\hbar^2}\left(E - \frac{1}{2}k\ r^2\right) - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}\right]f(r) = 0.$$
 (2.1)

Let t be a new variable: $t: r^2 = e^{2t}$, eq. (2.1) takes the form

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \frac{d}{dt}\right) R + \left[\frac{2M}{\hbar^2} \left(Ee^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}ke^{4t} \right) - l(l+1) \right] f(r) = 0.$$

Excluding the first derivative term by a substitution $R = e^{-t/2} S(t)$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}S + \left[\frac{2MEe^{2t} - Mk e^{4t} - \hbar^2 l(l+1)}{\hbar^2} - \frac{1}{4} \right] S = 0.$$
 (2.2)

With the notation

$$\begin{split} -\,\hbar^2 l(l+1) &= -\hbar^2 \, \left[(l+1/2)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right] = -L^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \, , \ \, A = -Mk \, \, , \\ B &= 2ME \, , \ \, C = -L^2 \, , \ \, \Pi^2(t) = A \, e^{4t} + B \, e^{2t} + C \end{split}$$

from eq. (2.2) we get

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} S(t) + \frac{\Pi^2(t)}{\hbar^2} S(t) = 0.$$
 (2.3)

Now let us expand the function Q(t) into a series in terms of $(\hbar/i)^n$

$$S(t) = \exp\left[\frac{i}{\hbar} \int Q(t)dt\right],$$

$$\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dt}Q + Q^2 - \Pi^2 = 0, \quad Q(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{\hbar}{i}\right)^n Q_n(t)\right],$$

$$Q_0 = \sqrt{\Pi^2}, \quad Q_1 = -\frac{1}{2Q_0} Q'_0, \quad Q_2 = -\frac{1}{2Q_0} \left(Q'_1 + Q_1^2\right),$$

$$Q_n = -\frac{1}{2Q_0} \left(\frac{d}{dt} Q_{n-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} Q_{n-k} Q_k\right) = 0, \quad n = 3, 4, 5, ...; \quad (2.4)$$

the symbol ' denotes derivative d/dt.

We will assume that the wave S(r) corresponding to a bound state, being considered as a function of complex variable t, has a finite number of of zeros in the complex plane, which are allocated at real axis between classical turning pints. According the known theorem in complex variable function theory the number of such zeros of S(t) within certain domain can be calculated through derivative $(\ln S(t))'$ along a contour bounding that domain

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} \left[\frac{d}{dt} \ln S(t) \right] dt = n ,$$

from whence substituting a series instead of Q(t), we arrive at

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \right)^n \oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_n(t) dt \right] = 2\pi\hbar n . \tag{2.5}$$

It should be especially emphasized that relationship (2.5) is a precise mathematical condition without any approximation. Accounting for only two first terms leads to the Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization rule

$$\oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_0(t)dt + \frac{\hbar}{i} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_0(t)dt \approx 2\pi\hbar \ n \ . \tag{2.6}$$

Calculation of the integrals is reduced to finding residues in two points

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{Q_n(z)}{z} dz = (-2\pi i) \sum_{z=0,\infty} \frac{Q_n(z)}{z}.$$
(2.7)

The contribution of the first order term is

$$\oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_0(t) \ dt = 2\pi \left(-i\sqrt{C} - i \frac{B}{2\sqrt{A}} \right). \tag{2.8}$$

The contribution of the second order term is

$$\frac{\hbar}{i} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_1(t)dt = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(-2\pi i \right) \times \\ \times \sum \operatorname{res}_{z=0,\infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{4Az^4 + 2Bz^2}{z(Az^4 + Bz^2 + C)} = -2\pi\hbar .$$

Therefore, the quantization rule (2.6) gives

$$2\pi \left(-i\sqrt{C} - i\frac{B}{2\sqrt{A}} - \hbar\right) = 2\pi \left(2n\right),\,$$

from whence it follows the exact energy spectrum

$$E = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} (2n + l + 3/2) . {(2.9)}$$

3 Oscillator in hyperbolic model H_3

In Lobachevsky space, the Scrödinger equation for an oscillator problem

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M}\,\Delta_2\,+\frac{1}{2}k\rho^2 \mathrm{th}^2\,r\,\right)\,\Psi = E\,\Psi$$

after separation of the variables $\Psi(r,\theta,\phi) = f(r) Y_{lm}(\theta,\phi)$ leads to

$$\frac{d^2f}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{\operatorname{th}} \frac{df}{dr} + \left[\frac{2M\rho^2}{\hbar^2} (E - \frac{1}{2}k\rho^2 \operatorname{th}^2 r) - \frac{l(l+1)}{\operatorname{sh}^2 r} \right] f = 0.$$
 (3.1)

It should ne noted special symmetry property of the radial equation with respect to the change $r \to -r$. Negative values for r are non-physical, but below in taking into account zeros of complex variable function we must take into consideration these non-physical zeros as well.

Let t be a new variable: th² $r = e^{2t}$, eq. (3.1) takes the form

$$(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \frac{d}{dt})f + \frac{1}{(1 - e^{2t})^2} \left[\frac{2M\rho^2}{\hbar^2} (Ee^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}k\rho^2 e^{4t}) - l(l+1)(1 - e^{2t}) \right] f = 0 .$$

Excluding the first derivative term by a substitution $f = e^{-t/2} S(t)$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}S + \left[\frac{2ME\rho^2}{\hbar^2} \frac{e^{2t} - Mk\rho^4}{\hbar^2} \frac{e^{4t} - \hbar^2 l(l+1)}{(1-e^{2t})^2} - \frac{1}{4} \right] S = 0. \quad (3.2)$$

Using the notation

$$-\hbar^{2}l(l+1) = -\hbar^{2}\left[(l+1/2)^{2} - \frac{1}{4}\right] = -L^{2} + \frac{\hbar^{2}}{4},$$

$$A = -Mk\rho^{4}, \qquad B = 2ME\rho^{2} - \hbar^{2} + L^{2}, \qquad C = -L^{2},$$

$$\Pi^{2}(t) = \frac{Ae^{4t} + Be^{2t} + C}{(1 - e^{2t})^{2}}, \qquad \Delta(t) = \frac{5 - e^{2t}}{4} \frac{e^{2t}}{(1 - e^{2t})^{2}}, \qquad (3.3)$$

we arrive at

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} S(t) + \left[\frac{\Pi^2(t)}{\hbar^2} + \Delta(t) \right] S(t) = 0.$$
 (3.4)

Further we follow the standard procedure

$$S(t) = \exp\left[\frac{i}{\hbar} \int Q(t)dt\right],$$

$$\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dt}Q + Q^2 - \Pi^2 + (\frac{\hbar}{i})^2 \Delta = 0, \quad Q(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[(\frac{\hbar}{i})^n Q_n(t)\right],$$

$$Q_0 = \sqrt{\Pi^2}, \quad Q_1 = -\frac{1}{2Q_0} Q'_0, \quad Q_2 = -\frac{1}{2Q_0} \left[Q'_1 + Q_1^2 + \Delta\right],$$

$$Q_n = -\frac{1}{2Q_0} \left[\frac{d}{dt} Q_{n-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} Q_{n-k} Q_k\right] = 0, \quad n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$$
(3.5)

The quantization condition (exact that) take the form

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} \left[\frac{d}{dt} \ln S(t) \right] dt = 2n$$

or

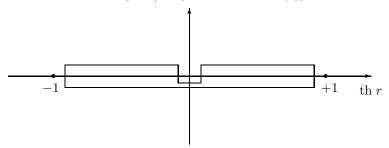
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \right)^n \oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_n(t) dt \right] = 2\pi\hbar (2n) . \tag{3.6}$$

In particular, allowing for only two first terms of the WKB-series gives

$$\oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_0(t)dt + \frac{\hbar}{i} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_0(t)dt \approx 2\pi\hbar (2n) . \tag{3.7}$$

In calculating the contour integrals one is to use the variable $z = e^t =$ th r, correspondingly the contour $\mathcal{L}(z)$ including zeros of the function can be presented by the Figure

Fig. 1 (Integration contour $\mathcal{L}(z)$)



and we are to find residues in four points

$$\oint_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{Q_n(z)}{z} dz = (-2\pi i) \sum_{z=0,\pm 1,\infty} \frac{Q_n(z)}{z}.$$
 (3.8)

The contribution of the first order term is

$$\oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_0(t) dt = 2\pi \left(-i\sqrt{C} + i\sqrt{A+B+C} + i\sqrt{A} \right).$$

The contribution of the second order term is

$$\frac{\hbar}{i} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_1(t)dt = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(-2\pi i \right) \times \\ \times \sum \operatorname{res}_{z=0,\pm 1,\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{4Az^4 + 2Bz^2}{z(Az^4 + Bz^2 + C)} + \frac{2z^2}{z(1-z^2)} \right];$$

therefore we get

$$\frac{\hbar}{i} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_1(t)dt = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) (-2\pi i) (-2) = -2\pi \hbar .$$

Thus, the Bohr-Sommerfeld rule gives

$$-\sqrt{-C} + \sqrt{-A - B - C} + \sqrt{-A} - \hbar \approx \hbar (2n) , \qquad (3.9)$$

from whence it follows

$$\sqrt{Mk\rho^4 - 2ME\rho^2 + \hbar^2} = \hbar(2n + l + \frac{3}{2}) - \sqrt{Mk\rho^4}$$

However, we know an exact quantization condition (from exact solution of the differential equation (3.1) in hypergeometric functions – see for example [37])

$$\sqrt{Mk\rho^4 - 2ME\rho^2 + \hbar^2} = \hbar \left(2n + l + \frac{3}{2}\right) - \sqrt{Mk\rho^4 + \frac{\hbar^2}{4}}, \qquad (3.10)$$

below it will be more convenient to use dimensionless form

$$= +\sqrt{\mu - 2\epsilon + 1} = 2n + l + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{1 + 4\mu}}{2}.$$
 (3.11)

It is the point of primary importance. Turning back to starting equation (3.2), one may note that from the very beginning in this equation a special formal rearrangement should be performed

$$\begin{split} \frac{d^2}{dt^2}S - \frac{1}{4}\,S + \frac{1}{\hbar^2(1-e^{2t})^2} \left[\, \left(2ME\rho^2 + \hbar^2\beta - \hbar^2\beta \right) + e^{2t} \right. \\ + \left(-Mk\rho^4 + \hbar^2\alpha - \hbar^2\alpha \right) e^{4t} - \hbar^2l(l+1)(1-e^{2t}) \, \right] \, S = 0 \; , \\ A = -Mk\rho^4 + \hbar^2 \, \alpha \; , \qquad B = 2ME\rho^2 + \hbar^2 \, \beta + \mathcal{L}^2 \; , \\ C = -L^2 \; , \qquad \alpha = -\frac{1}{4} \; , \qquad \beta = \frac{5}{4} \; , \qquad \alpha + \beta = 1 \; , \end{split}$$

which should give different representation of the main differential equation

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}S + \left[\frac{(2ME\rho^2 + \hbar^2\beta)e^{2t} + (-Mk\rho^4 + \hbar^2\alpha)e^{4t} - \hbar^2l(l+1)(1-e^{2t})}{\hbar^2(1-e^{2t})^2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4}\frac{e^{2t}}{(1-e^{2t})^2} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{e^{4t}}{(1-e^{2t})^2}\right]S = 0.$$

$$(3.12)$$

Correspondingly, we have expressions for A, B, C and $\Delta(t)$

$$\begin{split} \Pi^2(t) &= \frac{A \, e^{4t} + B \, e^{2t} + C}{(1 - e^{2t})^2}, \quad \Delta = -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4} \, \frac{e^{2t}}{(1 - e^{2t})^2} + \frac{1}{4} \, \frac{e^{4t}}{(1 - e^{2t})^2} \,, \\ A &= -Mk\rho^4 - \frac{1}{4}\hbar^2 \,, \qquad B = 2ME\rho^2 - \frac{5}{4}\hbar^2 + L^2 \,, \qquad C = -L^2 \,; \end{split}$$

from whence the Bohr-Sommerfeld rule results the exact energy spectrum (let $l+\frac{3}{2}+2n=N$)

$$2\epsilon = -N^2 + \sqrt{1+4\mu} N + \frac{3}{4} , \qquad (3.14)$$

or differently

$$2\epsilon - 1 = +\mu - (N - \frac{\sqrt{1+4\mu}}{2})^2 . \tag{3.15}$$

4 Oscillator in spherical space S_3

In Riemann spherical space, the Scrödinger equation for an oscillator problem

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \Delta_2 + \frac{1}{2}k\rho^2 \operatorname{tg}^2 r\right) \Psi = E \Psi$$

after separation of the variables $\Psi(r,\theta,\phi) = f(r)Y_{lm}(\theta,\phi)$ gives

$$\frac{d^2f}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{\operatorname{tg}} \frac{df}{dr} + \left[\frac{2M\rho^2}{\hbar^2} (E - \frac{1}{2}k\rho^2 \operatorname{tg}^2 r) - \frac{l(l+1)}{\sin^2 r} \right] f = 0.$$
 (4.1)

Again, take notice symmetry $r \to -r$. Let r be a new variable: $tg^2 r = e^{2t}$, eq. (4.1) takes the form (let if be $f = e^{-t/2}S(t)$):

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}S + \left[\frac{2ME\rho^2e^{2t} - Mk\rho^4e^{4t} - \hbar^2l(l+1)(1+e^{2t})}{\hbar^2(1+e^{2t})^2} - \frac{1}{4}\right]S = 0. \tag{4.2}$$

With the notation

$$-\hbar^{2}l(l+1) = -\hbar^{2}\left[(l+1/2)^{2} - \frac{1}{4}\right] = -L^{2} + \frac{\hbar^{2}}{4},$$

$$A = -Mk\rho^{4}, \qquad B = 2ME\rho^{2} + \hbar^{2} - L^{2}, \qquad C = -L^{2},$$

$$\Pi^{2}(t) = \frac{Ae^{4t} + Be^{2t} + C}{(1+e^{2t})^{2}}, \qquad \Delta(t) = -\frac{5+e^{2t}}{4}\frac{e^{2t}}{(1+e^{2t})^{2}}$$
(4.3)

eq. (4.2) reads

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} S(t) + \left[\frac{\Pi^2(t)}{\hbar^2} + \Delta(t) \right] S(t) = 0.$$
 (4.4)

Further we follow the above procedure

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} \left[\frac{d}{dt} \ln S(t) \right] dt = 2n$$

or

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \right)^n \oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_n(t) dt \right] = 2\pi\hbar (2n) . \tag{4.5}$$

The Bohr-Sommerfeld rule reads

$$\oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_0(t)dt + \frac{\hbar}{i} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} Q_0(t)dt \approx 2\pi\hbar \ (2n) \ . \tag{4.6}$$

Calculating the contour integrals is reduced to calculating residues in four points in complex plane ($z = e^t = \operatorname{tg} r$)

$$\oint_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{Q_n(z)}{z} dz = (-2\pi i) \sum_{z=0,\pm i,\infty} \frac{Q_n(z)}{z}. \tag{4.7}$$

The Bohr-Sommerfeld rule leads to

$$-\sqrt{-C} + \sqrt{-A + B - C} - \sqrt{-A} - \hbar \approx \hbar (2n).$$

and further we arrive at the relationship

$$\sqrt{Mk\rho^4 + 2ME\rho^2 + \hbar^2} = \hbar(2n + l + \frac{3}{2}) + \sqrt{Mk\rho^4}.$$
 (4.8)

However, we know an exact quantization condition (from exact solution of the differential equation (3.1) in hypergeometric functions)

$$\sqrt{Mk\rho^4 + 2ME\rho^2 + \hbar^2} = \hbar \left(2n + l + \frac{3}{2}\right) + \sqrt{Mk\rho^4 + \frac{\hbar^2}{4}}$$
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or in dimensionless notation

$$\sqrt{\mu + 2\epsilon + 1} = 2n + l + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{1 + 4\mu}}{2} . \tag{4.10}$$

Turning back to starting equation (4.2), one may note that from the very beginning in this equation a special formal rearrangement should be performed

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}S - \frac{1}{4}S + \frac{1}{\hbar^2(1+e^{2t})^2} \left[(2ME\rho^2 + \hbar^2\beta - \hbar^2\beta)e^{2t} + (-Mk\rho^4 + \hbar^2\alpha - \hbar^2\alpha)e^{4t} - \hbar^2l(l+1)(1+e^{2t}) \right] S = 0,$$

$$\begin{split} A &= -Mk\rho^4 - \hbar^2 \; \alpha \; , \qquad B = 2ME\rho^2 + \hbar^2 \; \beta - \mathbf{L}^2 \; , \\ C &= -L^2 \; , \; \; \alpha = -\frac{1}{4} \; , \; \beta = \frac{5}{4} \; , \; \; \alpha + \beta = 1 \; , \end{split}$$

which should give different representation of differential equation

$$\frac{d^{2}}{dt^{2}}S + \left[\frac{(2ME\rho^{2} + \hbar^{2}\beta)e^{2t} + (-Mk\rho^{4} - \hbar^{2}\alpha)e^{4t} - \hbar^{2}l(l+1)(1+e^{2t})}{\hbar^{2}(1+e^{2t})^{2}} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4} \frac{e^{2t}}{(1+e^{2t})^{2}} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{e^{4t}}{(1+e^{2t})^{2}}\right]S = 0.$$
(4.11)

so that A, B, C and $\Delta(t)$ are

$$\Pi^{2}(t) = \frac{A e^{4t} + B e^{2t} + C}{(1 - e^{2t})^{2}} , \quad \Delta = -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4} \frac{e^{2t}}{(1 + e^{2t})^{2}} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{e^{4t}}{(1 + e^{2t})^{2}} .$$

$$A = -Mk\rho^{4} + \frac{1}{4}\hbar^{2} , \qquad B = 2ME\rho^{2} + \frac{5}{4}\hbar^{2} - L^{2} , \qquad C = -L^{2} ;$$

$$(4.12)$$

from whence the Bohr-Sommerfeld rule results the exact energy spectrum (let $l+\frac{3}{2}+2n=N$)

$$2\epsilon = (l+2n+\frac{3}{2})^2 + \sqrt{1+4\mu}\left(l+2n+\frac{3}{2}\right) - \frac{3}{4}.$$
 (4.13)

or differently

$$2\epsilon + 1 = \mu + (N + \frac{\sqrt{1+4\mu}}{2})^2. \tag{4.14}$$

Let summarize result:

It is shown that in the spaces of Lobachevsky and Riemann, similar to the case of Euclidean model E_3 , in WKB-theory for harmonic oscillator potential there can be constructed special WKB-series, such that only two first terms give a non-zero contribution into the Bohr – Sommerfeld quantization condition providing us with an exact energy spectrums in all three models E_3 , H_3 , S_3 .

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